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A SECRET UNDERGROUND LAIR. LOCATION UNDISCLOSED.
--SO WE KNOW THAT IRON MAN WILL BE MOVING THE DETAINEES OUT SOMETIME TOMORROW MORNING. WHAT WE STILL DON'T KNOW IS EXACTLY WHEN, AND WHAT ROUTE THEY'LL BE TAKING.
BUT I'VE MADE SOME EDUCATED GUESSES ABOUT WHAT ROUTES THE CONVOY IS LIKELY TO TAKE GIVEN TRAFFIC AND OTHER CONDITIONS.

THE DOWNSIDE IS THAT IT MEANS SPLITTING UP OUR RESOURCES SO WE CAN WATCH EVERY POSSIBLE ROUTE OUT OF TOWN.
DAREDEVIL, I WANT YOU PATROLLING THIRD AVENUE FROM 25TH STREET TO 47TH STREET. CLOAK, DAGGER--
I THINK WE CAN SAVE YOU SOME TIME, CAP.

WE KNOW HOW AND WHEN THEY'RE BRINGING OUT THE OTHER HEROES.
HE'S BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT.
SHHH. HE'LL HEAR YOU.
WAIT'LL MY DAD HEARS ABOUT THIS.
I SEE. AND YOU ARE...?
MY NAME'S CEE. THESE ARE THE GUYS. WE'RE FROM YANCY STREET.
DUDE.
CHECK THE BICEPS.
SHUDDUP.
I GOTTA GO TO THE BATHROOM.
YANCY STREET, EH? I'VE HEARD OF YOU--
HE'S HEARD OF US! I'M GONNA FAINT!
--FROM A FRIEND OF MINE, BEN GRIMM.
--OHCRAP--
THIS IS VERY DETAILED. UNUSUALLY SO. WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
WE GOT OUR WAYS. YOU AND THE OTHER ANTI-REGISTRATION HEROES, YA GOT FRIENDS OUT THERE WHO DON'T LIKE WHAT'S GOIN' ON. WE ALL WANNA HELP, THAT'S ALL.
I UNDERSTAND. EVEN SO....
YOU THINK IT COULD BE A TRAP?
HARD TO SAY, LUKE. IT SOUNDS LEGIT, AND IT TIES IN WITH EVERYTHING ELSE WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE CONVOY, BUT STILL--

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TRY TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION FROM OUR SIDE, SEE IF IT CHECKS OUT. IF IT DOES, WE'LL COORDINATE HOW TO RESPOND, AND WE--I--WILL OWE YOU ONE.
FORGETABOUTIT... WE'RE THE ONES WHO OWE YOU.
SUCK-UP.
SHUDDUP.
MOUSE?
YEAH?
JUST LEMME SAY IT AGAIN...THIS BETTER BE RIGHT, OR YOU ARE SO DEAD.
IT'S RIGHT. MY SOURCES ON THIS ARE SOLID.
HIS SOURCES, WHAT'S HE DOIN', WORKIN' FOR THE TIMES?
HEY, I GOT A COUSIN WORKS FOR THE ENQUIRER.
YO. I WONDERED WHAT THAT SMELL WAS.
HEY!
"JUST SAYIN', MAN. JUST SAYIN'."
HOW IS THE WORK COMING, PHILLIP?

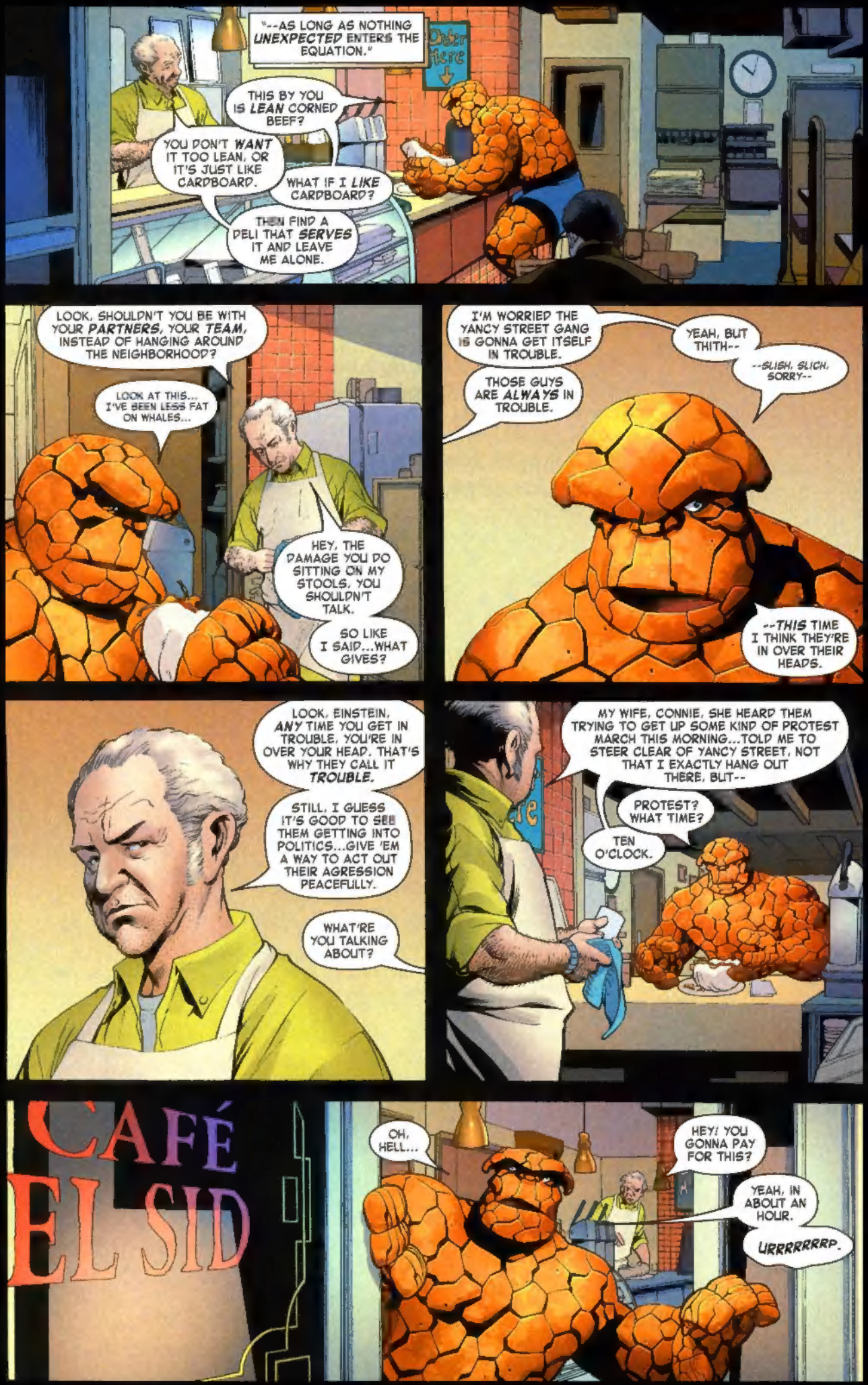
NEARLY READY. JUST A FEW MORE AND WE'LL BE SET.
EXCELLENT.
IT WAS A GREAT IDEA TO USE THIS ABANDONED FACTORY TO EXPEDITE THE MODELING PROCESS.
YOU KNOW, THERE IS A REASON THAT I HAVE SACRIFICED ALL OTHER NAMES IN ORDER TO BE KNOWN ONLY AS THE THINKER.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE KNOWN AS THE MAD THINKER FOR A WHILE THERE.
I HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH ANGER MANAGEMENT.
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO--
TURNS OUT I HAD A GREAT DEAL OF REPRESSED ANGER.
AND NOW...?
I'M NOT REPRESSED ANY MORE.

NOT THAT IT TAKES A GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT THAT IF WE CONTINUE TO BE THWARTED IN OUR ENDEAVORS BY THE POWERS THAT BE--
--THEN THE OBVIOUS SOLUTION IS TO ELIMINATE SAID ENEMIES AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THE TRANSPORTATION OF A GROUP OF SUCH ENEMIES IS FAR TOO TEMPTING A PROSPECT TO IGNORE.
ONE-STOP SHOPPING, AS IT WERE.
THE PROBLEM, AS YOU HAVE DISCOVERED YOURSELF, IS THAT TAKING PSYCHIC CONTROL OF JUST ONE SUCH POWER AT A TIME IS PROBLEMATIC. THEY ARE USED TO FIGHTING YOUR CONTROL, WHICH IS ONE REASON FOR YOUR LIMITED TARGETING ABILITIES.
YES, BUT TO BE HONEST, I THINK THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT.
AFTER MY FIRST ATTEMPTS TO BRING DOWN THE FANTASTIC FOUR MET WITH FAILURE, I BEGAN WORKING WITH OTHERS, OFTEN IN A SUBORDINATE POSITION, AND--
--AND I THINK IT MAY HAVE CAUSED ME TO SCALE BACK MY DREAMS... TO PUT MY OWN AMBITIONS SECOND TO THE PLANS OF OTHER PEOPLE.
WHICH IS WHY, HAD ANY OF THESE PLANS ACTUALLY SUCCEEDED, IT WAS ALWAYS MY INTENTION TO KILL OFF MY "PARTNER" IN ORDER TO SEIZE CREDIT.
THIS WOULD BALANCE MY PSYCHOSOCIAL ISSUES, MY SELF-IMAGE, AND--
--THAT IS TO SAY... THAT WAS HOW I INTENDED TO...THAT IS TO SAY, I NO LONGER FEEL IT NECESSARY TO...TO....
YOU SEE, I SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF MY TIME SPEAKING TO CLAY FIGURES, AND I...WELL, I FORGET MYSELF SOMETIMES, AND--
ANGER MANAGEMENT.
YES.
HERE IS THE NUMBER OF A GOOD THERAPIST. WHEN THIS IS OVER, USE IT.
OF COURSE.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE WROUGHT, SHALL WE?
CERTAINLY.
I REALLY AM OVER ALL THAT. YOU KNOW.
OF COURSE. YOU ARE. AND SO AM I.
BECAUSE ONE SHOULD TRUST ONE'S PARTNERS.
HERE IT IS, ALL READY TO GO.
IF EVERYTHING GOES AS PLANNED, THIS WILL ALLOW US TO CONTROL EVERY NONPOWERED HUMAN IN THE AREA: POLICE, MILITARY...EVERYONE.
IT WILL BE A SLAUGHTER.
IT WILL BE... GLORIOUS.

IF YOUR CES* WORKS AS PLANNED--
WHICH OF COURSE IT WILL.
--WHICH OF COURSE IT WILL--
--I SEE NO REASON WHY I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL THOSE PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE CONVOY.
* CEREBRAL ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM. LIKE YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW THAT! --TOM
STARK AND HIS ALLIES WILL BE EXPECTING AN ATTEMPT TO FREE HIS PRISONERS--
"--AND NOW THAT WE HAVE FED THE OPPOSITION THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, THAT ATTACK WILL COME AT A TIME AND PLACE THAT BEST SUITS OUR PURPOSES."
THE INFORMATION CHECKS OUT, CAP.
THEN WE'RE GOOD TO GO.
SADDLE UP, EVERYBODY.
SO ALL WOULD SEEM TO BE IN READINESS. I HAVE JUST ONE--
QUESTION? THOUGHT? FUNCTIONING NEURON?
--CONCERN.
THE CES...THERE WASN'T TIME TO RUN ALL THE APPROPRIATE TESTS, AND--
--ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE FOR ME TO USE?
OF COURSE IT IS, MY DEAR PHILLIP--
--ONE SHOULD TRUST ONE'S PARTNERS, DO YOU NOT AGREE?
UMM, I...WHY, OF COURSE, I--

THEN LET US PROCEED. THE PIECES ARE IN POSITION AND--
--NO, NOT QUITE.
YES, THIS SHOULD BE ELSEWHERE. GIVEN HIS PERSONALITY, I WOULD SUGGEST PLACING HIM--
--RIGHT HERE.
"WE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION--


"--AS LONG AS NOTHING UNEXPECTED ENTERS THE EQUATION."
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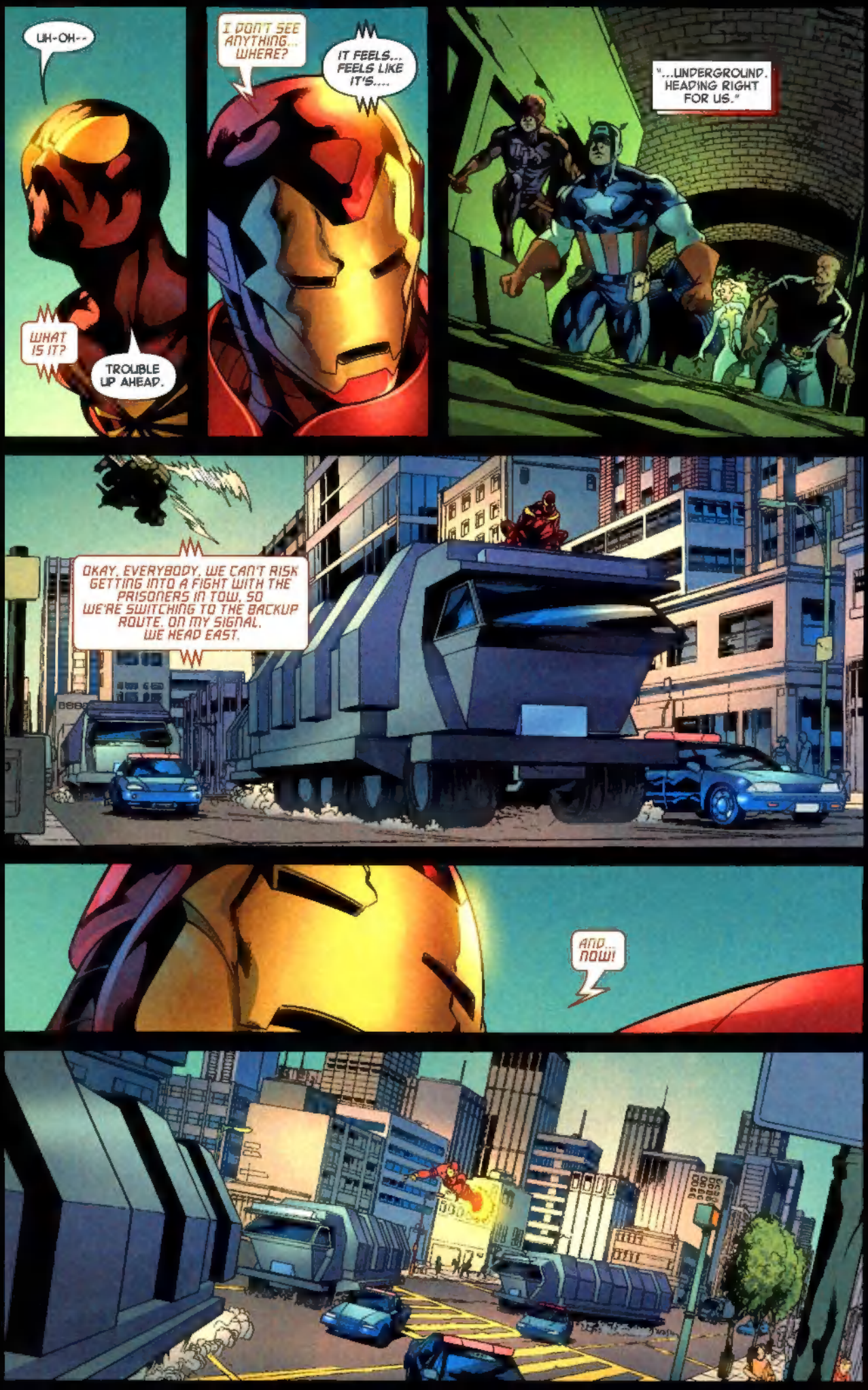
THIS BY YOU IS LEAN CORNED BEEF?
YOU DON'T WANT IT TOO LEAN, OR IT'S JUST LIKE CARDBOARD.
WHAT IF I LIKE CARDBOARD?
THEN FIND A DELI THAT SERVES IT AND LEAVE ME ALONE.
LOOK, SHOULDN'T YOU BE WITH YOUR PARTNERS, YOUR TEAM, INSTEAD OF HANGING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD?
LOOK AT THIS... I'VE BEEN LESS FAT ON WHALES...
HEY, THE DAMAGE YOU DO SITTING ON MY STOOLS, YOU SHOULDN'T TALK.
SO LIKE I SAID...WHAT GIVES?
I'M WORRIED THE YANCY STREET GANG IS GONNA GET ITSELF IN TROUBLE.
YEAH, BUT THITH--
--SLISH, SLICH, SORRY--
THOSE GUYS ARE ALWAYS IN TROUBLE.
--THIS TIME I THINK THEY'RE IN OVER THEIR HEADS.
LOOK, EINSTEIN, ANY TIME YOU GET IN TROUBLE, YOU'RE IN OVER YOUR HEAD. THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT TROUBLE.
STILL, I GUESS IT'S GOOD TO SEE THEM GETTING INTO POLITICS...GIVE 'EM A WAY TO ACT OUT THEIR AGRESSION PEACEFULLY.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MY WIFE, CONNIE, SHE HEARD THEM TRYING TO GET UP SOME KIND OF PROTEST MARCH THIS MORNING...TOLD ME TO STEER CLEAR OF YANCY STREET, NOT THAT I EXACTLY HANG OUT THERE, BUT--
PROTEST? WHAT TIME?
TEN O'CLOCK.
CAFÉ EL SID
OH, HELL...
HEY! YOU GONNA PAY FOR THIS?
YEAH, IN ABOUT AN HOUR.
URRRRRRP.


UH-OH--
WHAT IS IT?
TROUBLE UP AHEAD.
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING... WHERE?
IT FEELS... FEELS LIKE IT'S....
"...UNDERGROUND. HEADING RIGHT FOR US."
OKAY, EVERYBODY, WE CAN'T RISK GETTING INTO A FIGHT WITH THE PRISONERS IN TOW, SO WE'RE SWITCHING TO THE BACKUP ROUTE. ON MY SIGNAL, WE HEAD EAST.
AND... NOW!

SECONDARY ROUTE IS BLOCKED. REPEAT, SECONDARY ROUTE IS BLOCKED. REQUEST POLICE BACKUP--
NEGATIVE. WE CAN'T STOP WHILE THEY CATCH UP.
DIVERT TO ROUTE C. KEEP MOVING. DON'T STOP.
YANCY ST
ROUTE C? OH. NO--
--THIS CAN'T BE GOOD.

HEY, FERROUS FELLOW...I GOT ANOTHER BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?
UMM...
...EVERYWHERE.
LET OUR HEROES GO!
YA OUGHTA BE ASHAMED OF YERSELVES!
YOU GUYS STINK!
TIPPECANOE AND TYLER TOO!
WHAT?
SHADDUP!
TEAMS ALPHA AND BETA, DEPLOY IN DEFENSIVE MODE...BUT USE RESTRAINT. WE'RE DEALING WITH CIVILIANS. YOU COPY, WASP?
AFFIRMATIVE, GOLDEN BOY.
GREAT. SEE WHAT YOU'VE STARTED, SPIDER-MAN?
SPIDER-MAN? DO YOU COPY?
I REPEAT, ARE YOU RECEIVING ME?
"SPIDER-MAN--HE...HE IS SENSING ■... SENSING MY PRESENCE--"

--BUT THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, IT--
POSSIBLE OR NOT, HE'S DOING IT. WE HAVE TO STRIKE NOW, BEFORE--
BUT WE'RE NOT FULLY IN POSITION--
WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO--
"--AND DO IT QUICKLY!"
WHAT...? SOMETHING'S WRONG...I...
YES...I UNDERSTAND.
FOX ONE, FIRE!
--MISSILES--
WHAT?

INCOMING!
CAN'T GET ALL OF THEM--
NO! TWO STILL GETTING THROUGH!
I'VE GOT 'EM! I'VE GOT 'EM! I'VE--
WHOOOOAAAHHHH...!
WELL.
THERE'S SOMETHIN' YA DON'T SEE EVERY DAY.
HOLY CRIPE...

GRIMM!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THE PRISONERS TO SAFETY...DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!
BEN! BEN GRIMM!
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME...WE COULD USE YOUR HELP TO BUST OUT OUR GUYS!
MOUSE... MOUSE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
GET OUT OF THERE! YOU'RE GONNA GET KILLED!
YES...ALMOST THERE...THE JOB IS ALMOST DONE.
THE END...IS AT HAND.

LOOK OUT!
NO!
BOMB... BOMB! CLEAR OUT!
NO TIME--
EVERYBODY'S OUTTA THIS TRUCK NOW. BUT IT'S NOT GONNA CATCH ALLA THE BLAST, SO YA BETTER GET DOWN--
--RIGHT... NOW!

THOOM!
BOOOOM!

YOU'VE WON NOTHING, GRIMM...
...EXCEPT A POSTPONEMENT OF THE INEVITABLE.
MASTERS...? PUPPET MASTER, THAT YOU, YOU SON OF A--
--NO, OH NO...
...NO...

HOW MANY GOT AWAY?
ALL OF THEM.
GOOD. NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE TO PRESS THE ATTACK... STARK'S FORCES ARE--
NOW...WHEN HE'S EXPOSED... WE HAVE TO--
BACK OFF!
FOOOM!
BEN... WHAT'RE YOU...
LOOK.
LOOK AT WHAT YOUR FREAKIN' WAR HAS DONE.
HE WAS JUST A KID!

I BARELY KNEW HIM. BUT HE HAD PARENTS. HE HAD A LIFE. HE HAD A FUTURE...AND YOU TOOK ALL OF THAT AWAY FROM HIM!
WE GOT HIM, GRIMM...WE GOT HIM....
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING? DON'T YOU SEE THAT YOU'RE TEARING APART EVERYTHING THAT MAKES THIS PLACE WORTH FIGHTING FOR?
LOOK AROUND! TAKE A LONG FREAKING LOOK AROUND!

THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU, OLD FRIEND... TO STOP THIS MADNESS. WITH YOUR STRENGTH, WE CAN--
NO --
--THE LAW NEEDS YOU ON OUR SIDE, BEN. YOU KNOW THIS. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF A FIGHT.
IF YOU WANT THE FIGHTING TO STOP, THEN HELP OUT. DON'T TALK ABOUT IT.
YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, BEN. YOU CAN TIP THE BALANCE.
THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING. WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I SAY...
...TA HELL WITH BOTH OF YOU.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FER A LONG TIME, BUT THIS HAS MADE UP MY MIND FOR ME.
REGISTRATION'S WRONG, AND I WON'T SUPPORT A LAW I DON'T BELIEVE IN.
BUT I'M STILL A PATRIOT, I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT MY OWN GOVERNMENT, OR LET THE GOVERNMENT SAY I'M A CRIMINAL.
SO THE WAY I SEE IT, THAT LEAVES ME ONLY ONE CHOICE.

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